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PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

PRIME MINISTER
1919/922
COMMONWEALTH of AUSTRALIA

SUBJECT: INDIA.

Harvesting Machines
for Mesopotamia.

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PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

DECODE OF CABLEGRAM.

ESFROM High Commissioner's Office TO Prime Minister's Department

DATE RECEIVED 27th February, 1919 DATE SENT 26th February, 1919

"Your telegram 10th February, HARVESTERS - £2000 received."

Copy to Customs for inf. 28/2/19

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PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

DECODE OF CABLEGRAM.

FROM Prime Minister's Department TO High Commissioner's Office

DATE RECEIVED DATE SENT 10th February, 1919.

"Cablegram received from Viceroy India stating India Office London will pay to High Commissioner £2,000 due Commonwealth on account compensation paid McKay in connection order for Harvesters. Please advise receipt."

Copy to Customs 10/2/19.

National Archives of Australia NAA: A2, 1919/922

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

COL - PRIME MINISTER - COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA 1919/922/2 No. 19/ 2237

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 19/ B'2049

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 8th February, 1919.

MEMORANDUM.

Please cause a cablegram to be despatched to the High Commissioner in the following terms :-

"Cablegram received from Viceroy "India stating India Office London will pay to "High Commissioner £2,000 due Commonwealth on "account compensation paid McKay in connection "order for Harvesters. Please advise receipt".

R W M Dudley
Acting Comptroller General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT,
MELBOURNE.

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PRIME MINISTER
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to
The Official Secretary
to the
Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

6th February, 1919

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India, dated Delhi, 4th February, 1919, 4.30 p.m., relating to Harvesters - payment of compensation for.

By direction,

George Steward
Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

COPY TO CUSTOMS
6.2.19.

1634 In continuation of my 16680 12th December 1918 compensation for McKay Secretary of State for India intimates Accountant General India Office London will pay £2000 to Australian Agent General.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

MELBOURNE.

14th December, 1918

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India, dated Delhi, 12th instant, 7.15 p.m., relating to H.V.McKay - compensation.

By direction,

George Howard

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

16680 Your telegram dated 7th December compensa-
-tion McKay delay much regretted am urging Secretary of
State for India to hasten payment.

Copy to T. & C.
16/12/18.

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PRIME MINISTER.

18/121/26. Melbourne, 5th December, 1918.

Memorandum for -

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

"Referring your cablegram 18th October compensation McKay amount not yet received. Would appreciate steps to expedite payment".

Secretary.

Copy to Customs.
5.12.18.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 18/24525

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 18/B'15701.

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 5th December, 1918.

P.M. 5 DEC 1918

PRIME MINISTER 1918/121/26 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram in the following terms to be despatched to the Viceroy of India :-

"Referring your cablegram 18th October "compensation McKay amount not yet received. "Would appreciate steps to expedite payment."

R W K Oakley

Acting Comptroller General.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PRIME MINISTER 1918/121/25 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to
The Official Secretary
to the
Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

21st October, 1918 191

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, 6 copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India

dated Simla, 18th October, 1918, 6.30p.m.

relating to Sunshine Harvesters.

By direction,

George Steward

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

Copy to T. & C.
21.10.18.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

14158 Your telegram dated October 11th Secretary of State for India is in communication with War Office regarding Sunshine Harvesters and has asked for certain information which is being cabled today with request for prompt settlement.

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PRIME MINISTER.

MW.

Melbourne, 10th October, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR:-

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

"Referring your cablegram 13th July compensation McKay amount not yet received. Would appreciate steps to secure prompt settlement."

Ogd M. L. Shepherd.
Secretary.

Copy to Trade & Customs.
10.10.18.

National Archives of Australia NAA: A2, 1919/922

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. 20142

No.18/

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 18/B'12734.

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

31 SPRING STREET.

MELBOURNE: 10 October, 1918.

PRIME MINISTER 10 OCT 1918 121/24

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested, by direction, that ~~the~~ Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram in the following terms to be despatched to the Viceroy of India :-

"Referring your cablegram 13th July compensation "McKay amount not yet received. Would appreciate "steps to secure prompt settlement."

R W R Oakley

Acting Comptroller General.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to
The Official Secretary
to the
Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

15th July, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India dated Simla, 13th July, 1918, 6.30 p.m. relating to compensation to McKay.

By direction,

George Steward
Official Secretary to Governor-General.

Copy sent to CUSTOMS.
15.7.18.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

9401 Your telegram dated 4th July compensation to McKay
Secretary of State for India has been asked to make early settlement.

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L. PRIME MINISTER.

'18/121/22. Melbourne, 3rd July, 1918.

MEMORANDUM for:-

The Official Secretary to

the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to despatch a cablegram to THE VICEROY OF INDIA, in the following terms:-

"Your cablegram fourteenth May accepting terms compensation McKay (stop) Two thousand pounds paid McKay settlement this matter (stop) Would appreciate early settlement by your Government".

(Sgd) M. L. Shepherd.

Secretary.

Copy to T. & C. - 3/7/1918.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—
A.C. B118/8152

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS,
31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 2nd July, 1918

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - PRIME MINISTER - 1918 121/22

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P.M. 2-JUL 1918

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram in the following terms to be despatched to the Viceroy of India :-

"Your cablegram fourteenth May accepting "terms compensation McKay stop Two thousand pounds "paid McKay settlement this matter stop Would ap- "preciate early settlement by your Government".

R W McKDaley

Acting Comptroller General.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department,
MELBOURNE.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

16th May, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India dated Simla, 14th May, 1918, 6.25 p.m. relating to the contract in connection with harvesters.

By direction,

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

6355 Your telegram dated 12th May regarding compensation for McKay accept terms.

copy 1+6 16/5/18

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HM. PRIME MINISTER.

Melbourne, 11th May, 1918.

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

Referring to my cablegram dated 29th April re compensation McKay please reply early as McKay states will not accept sum mentioned unless payment made by 16th instant".

(Sgd) Syd Shepherd
Secretary.

Copy to T. & C.
11.5.18.

National Archives of Australia NAA: A2, 1919/922

H.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No.18/1918/121/00

PRIME MINISTER — COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 18/ B'5750

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS,
31 SPRING STREET,

Melbourne, 10 May, 1918.

P.M. 11 MAY 1918

MEMORANDUM:

It is desired, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram to be despatched to the Viceroy of India in the following terms :-

"Referring to my cablegram dated 29th April
"re compensation McKay please reply early as
"McKay states will not accept sum mentioned
"unless payment made by 16th instant."

A W H Oakley
Acting Comptroller-General

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

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L. B.

PRIME MINISTER.

'18/121/19.

MELBOURNE, 29th April, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:-

The Official Secretary to

The Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to THE VICEROY OF INDIA, in the following terms:-

"Referring to your cablegram 13th March Sunshine Harvesters question of compensation due to cancellation order has been carefully considered (stop) Recommend that £2000 be paid McKay (stop) McKay asks that in event of harvesting machines being required later Australian machines be given full trial (stop) If order revived for next harvest and notification thereof given McKay by August next he will credit you with £1000 expenses incurred connection cancelled order".

(Sgd) W. L. Shepherd

Secretary.

Copy to Customs.
29/4/1918.

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H.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 18/1918 | 101 | 19

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 18 /

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 26th April, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

It is desired, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram to be despatched to the Viceroy of India in the following terms :-

"Referring to your cablegram 13th March "Sunshine Harvesters question of compensation "due to cancellation order has been carefully "considered stop recommend that £2000 be "paid McKay stop McKay asks that in event of "harvesting machines being required later Australian machines be given full trial stop "If order revived for next harvest and notifi- "cation thereof given McKay by August next he "will credit you with £1000 expenses incurred "connection cancelled order."

R W Dakeley
Acting Comptroller-General.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

14th March, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India dated Delhi, 13th March, 1918, 5 p.m. relating to contract for the purchase of harvesters.

Copy J. & Cretions. 14.3.18

By direction,

George Howard

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY

PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT

3307 In continuation of my telegram 23rd February No.2428 Sunshine harvesters Quartermaster General in India now on tour in Mesopotamia has personally consulted local authorities and considers that order for machinery and operators should be cancelled will you therefore kindly arrange best terms possible letting me know cost under various headings I much regret inconvenience caused.

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4.3.18

FROM WHITE., LONDON.

TO E.O. COX., SYDNEY.

"THREEFIFTYEIGHT REFER TELEGRAM FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL SIXTH FEBRUARY RELATIVE HARVESTERS AUSTRALIA TO INDIA STOP IF REFERS TO TWENTYFIVE BINDERS AND TRACTORS FOR MESOPOTAMIA CONSIGNEE DIRECTOR LOCAL RESOURCES MESOPOTAMIA AUTHORISE EARLIEST SHIPMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH COLONEL SANDERS REPLY."

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PRIME MINISTER.

GB.

18/121/17

MELBOURNE, 12th March, 1918.

MEMORANDUM for

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to THE VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

"Your telegram 23rd ultimo please expedite decision re Harvesters Mesopotamia matter very urgent."

Sgd W. L. Shepherd
Secretary.

~~Orig.~~ Copy sent to Trade and Customs.
12/3/1918.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PRIME MINISTER - COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA 1918/121/17 12 MAR 1918

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. B'18/2981

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

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31 SPRING STREET,

Melbourne, 11th March, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

It is desired, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram in the following terms to be despatched to the Viceroy of India :-

"Your telegram 23rd ultimo please expedite decision re Harvesters Mesopotamia matter very urgent".

R W K Oakley

Acting Comptroller General.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

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PRIME MINISTER
1918/121/16
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

6th March, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies dated London, 5th March, 1918, 8.30 p.m. relating to shipment of 25 binders and tractors.

By direction,

Copy to T. &. C.
7/3/1918.

George Steward
Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

With reference to your telegram 6th February regret delay in replying. Assume that consignment consists of twentyfive binders and tractors to be shipped to Director of Local Resources General Headquarters Mesopotamia and instructions have been sent to Overseas Central Committee to arrange for shipment.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

25th February, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

See 17/18

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India dated Delhi, 23rd February, 1918, 6.15 p.m. relating to the purchase of certain harvesters.

By direction,

George Steward
Official Secretary to Governor-General.

Copy to T. & C.
25.2.18.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

U428 Your telegram dated 20th February question of harvesters has again been referred to General Officer Commanding Baghdad further communication will be sent on receipt of his report.

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MM. PRIME MINISTER.

18/121/13. Melbourne, 19th February, 1918.

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The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

"Referring to your cablegram of 9th February following message is sent at special request of manufacturer of harvesters H. McKay begins would be glad to know in what respect harvesters are considered unsuitable. Over thirty thousand of these machines worked in Australian harvest just finished gave efficient and economical results. Consider reason unsound and that there is every reason believe machines will suit conditions. Must refuse cancel order. There will be heavy claim for special expenditure incurred in connection with machines and operators. Urge you reconsider decision and arrange for shipment to be made". ends."

(Sgd) W L Shepherd
Secretary.

Copy to T. & C.
19.2.18.

National Archives of Australia NAA: A2, 1919/922

H.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 18/1918/121/13

PRIME MINISTER — COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 18 / B'1900

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS,

31 SPRING STREET,

Rp12

Melbourne, 19 February, 1918.

P.M. 19 FEB 1918

MEMORANDUM:

It is requested, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram in the following terms to be despatched to the Viceroy of India :-

"Referring to your cablegram of 9th February following message is sent at special request of manufacturer of harvesters H. McKay begins would be glad "to know in what respect harvesters are considered "unsuitable. Over thirty thousand of these machines "worked in Australian harvest just finished gave "efficient and economical results. Consider reason "unsound and that there is every reason believe "machines will suit conditions. Must refuse cancel "order. There will be heavy claim for special ex-"penditure incurred in connection with machines and "operators. Urge you reconsider decision and arrange "for shipment to be made."

R W Dadley

Acting Comptroller-General.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

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PRIME MINISTER.

18/121

Melbourne, 12th February, 1918.

The Acting Secretary,
Department of Defence.

With reference to your memorandum of yesterday's date, No. 11307, I desire to inform you that the Indian Government has now asked that the purchase of harvesters for use in Mesopotamia be cancelled, as later reports indicated that they are useless for the country. The Department of Trade and Customs has this matter in hand. Your proposed telegram has therefore not been sent.

Sgd W. L. Shepherd.
Secretary.

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TELEPHONE: A.G.1/C.M.
CENTRAL 4750.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO "THE SECRETARY."

A.52 PRIME MINISTER
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No. 11307

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

MELBOURNE. 12th February, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR :-

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

Mr. H.V. McKay, under contract with the Government of India, is sending some Engine Functioned Sunshine Harvesters to Mesopotamia, and has also to send a number of men to work the Machines.

2. He has asked that the following men, viz :-

No. 20594,	Sapper	J.T. Pethybridge	(Light Motor Wireless Section
" 20645,	"	G. Revill	(A.I.F. Presidence Postmaster, (Bombay.

who are particularly competent experts be detailed for work with the Machines during harvesting operations, viz., from 1st April next till the end of the harvest, which is understood to be about July.

3. I am, therefore, directed to ask that His Excellency the Governor General be asked to despatch the following cable to His Excellency the Viceroy of India :-

"Understand your Government desires harvesters and operators sent urgently to Mesopotamia (stop) Contractor asks No. 20594 Sappers J.T. Pethybridge and No. 20645 G. Revill Australian Light Motor Wireless Section be detailed for work with Machines during harvest operations (stop) Recommend course suggested to your favourable consideration please advise".

A/Secretary.

Wire to
Mr Please

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PRIME MINISTER
1918/121/12
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
P.M
11 FEB 1918
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to
The Official Secretary
to the
Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

11th February, 1918

URGENT

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India,

dated Delhi, 9th instant, 4.30 p.m.,

relating to harvesters.

By direction,

George Steward
Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

1784 Referring to your telegram February 4th matter was again referred to General Commanding Mesopotamia who reports that on further information harvesters are useless for the country Please cancel demand on best terms you can secure Much regret inconvenience caused to your Government with regard to both personnel and machinery.

Copy to Sec 12/2/18

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H.

T. & C. 118 / B'1591

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

P.M. 11 FEB 1918

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

MINUTE PAPER.

WRITER: Prime Minister's Department (Secretary to H.E. The Governor-General.

SUBJECT: Harvesters for Mesopotamia - Rate of salary to be paid to employees.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

It was not intended to fill in any rate of salary as the draft agreement was forwarded simply for information as to the terms. Full particulars as to wages etc. were cabled to the Viceroy in December last.

R W R Oakley

Acting Comptroller-General.

7/2/18.

Still now till matter of cancellation settled

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Please address reply to
The Official Secretary
to the
Governor-General.
Tel. No. Central 3064.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MELBOURNE.

89/75/6.

1st February, 1918.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

Referring to the Agreement enclosed with the memorandum from the Acting Comptroller-General, Department of Trade and Customs, I desire to invite attention to clause 3 regarding the rate of salary to be paid to employees, which has been left vacant.

Official Secretary to
H.E. the Governor-General.

The Comptroller-General,
Department of Trade & Customs.

Referred, by direction, for attention.

Secretary.
Prime Minister's Department.
5.2.18.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

PRIME MINISTER 1918 No. 18 121/5 1550 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—
T. & C. 18/B'658

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.
31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 25th January, 1918.

TRADE & CUSTOMS 1591 6 FEB 1918 AUSTRALIA

MEMORANDUM:

Adverting to the cablegram from the Viceroy of India dated 20th November (Prime Minister's No.1917/4319/14) requesting that 25 "Sunshine" Harvesters be purchased and despatched to Mesopotamia together with operators for the machines, it is desired, by direction, that the attached copy of an agreement in connection with the matter be forwarded to the Viceroy of India for his information.

It may be mentioned that it is hoped that the machines and men will be despatched about the middle of next month but as soon as the precise date of departure is definitely fixed, the Secretary will be informed in order that cabled advice may be despatched to the Viceroy.

Acting Comptroller-General.

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.
Referred with a view to His Excellency the Governor-General being invited to take the desired action.

Secretary
Prime Minister's Dept.
26.1.18.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

National Archives of Australia NAA: A2, 1919/922

TRADE & CUSTOMS
B 1591
6 FEB 1918
AUSTRALIA.

AGREEMENT.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made the

day of 1918 between HUGH VICTOR McKAY

of Sunshine Harvester Works Sunshine in the State of Victoria

Commonwealth of Australia Manufacturer (herein contracting for

and on behalf of His Majesty the King his said Majesty being

hereinafter referred to as the employer) of the one part and

(hereinafter referred to as the employee) of the other part

WHEREBY IT IS AGREED as follows namely:-

(1) That the employer engages the employee for the work of starting working and repairing Sunshine engine functioned harvesters in Mesopotamia and the employee undertakes to carry out this work to the best of his ability to work such hours per day as are necessary for the work and to obey all lawful commands given to him by the proper authority (military or civil in Mesopotamia) to whose control or superintendence he may for the time being be subject or under whose direction he may for the time being be working;

(2) That the employee will proceed to Mesopotamia from such port in Australia and by such vessel as shall be notified to him by or on behalf of the Comptroller-General of Customs and will return from Mesopotamia as and when instructed to do so by the proper authority;

(3) That the salary to be paid to the employee shall be at the rate of £ per month; such salary will commence one week before he leaves the port of embarkation in Australia and shall continue except as provided in clause until he disembarks at a port in Australia and for one week thereafter.

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All the employee's fares on steamer and train for the purpose of proceeding to and returning from Mesopotamia in pursuance of this Agreement will be paid for the employee and board and lodging during the continuance of his engagement in pursuance of this Agreement will be provided for the employee;

(4) That the employee agrees to undergo a medical examination before leaving Australia and if he is not passed as medically fit for the carrying out of the work aforesaid he will not be accepted for such work and this Agreement shall terminate upon notification to the employee of his medical unfitness for such work;

(5) That if the employee is not allowed to leave Australia at any port (whether the port of embarkation or any port at which the ship may call) because he is suffering from some infectious disease this Agreement shall terminate upon such disallowance but if the disease did not arise from the act or default of the employee the employee shall be entitled to a return passage to the port of embarkation;

(6) That in the event of the employee being incapacitated for work through any act or default of his own salary will not be payable to him for the period of such incapacity and should the employee refuse to carry out any lawful orders received from the employer or the proper authority or should he through his own misbehaviour be unable to carry out such orders he shall be liable to instant dismissal and thereupon his engagement shall terminate and the employer shall not be responsible for his return fare or for further board and lodging;

(7) That the employee undertakes to remain in Mesopotamia [illegible] and of the harvest 1918 unless instructed

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to return at an earlier date by the proper authority.

(8) That for the purposes of this Agreement the proper authority shall mean the British officer or official (military or civil) for the time being having control or authority in or over Mesopotamia or any person acting for or on behalf of such officer or official or under his authority or direction to whose control or superintendence the employee may for the time being be subject or under whose instructions the employee may for the time being be working;

(9) That this Agreement shall not be deemed to create a contract of service or apprenticeship by the employee with the Commonwealth of Australia;

(10) That this Agreement shall unless sooner terminated as hereinbefore provided expire one week after the date of the return of the employee to his port of embarkation;

(11) That this Agreement shall be governed by English law.

AS WITNESS THE HANDS OF THE PARTIES

Signed by the said Hugh Victor McKay)
for and on behalf of His said Majesty)
in the presence of)

Signed by the said Employee in the)
presence of)

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PRIME MINISTER.

18/12/11

Melbourne, 5th February, 1918.

MEMORANDUM FOR :

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a prior cablegram to the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES in the following terms :-

"Consignment Harvesters etc. has been purchased at "instance Viceroy of India for use Mesopotamia originally "required Basras twentieth March now doubtful whether "required but can be shipped Melbourne this week to catch ""Port Lyttleton" Sydney (stop) Please request Ministry "Shipping instruct Oversea Central Committee Sydney permit "shipment for Bombay if space applied for by shipper (stop) "Failing "Port Lyttleton" similar instruction desired "respect "Port Sydney" (stop) Prompt action and reply "greatly appreciated as time within which to arrange ship- "ment extremely limited."

(Sgd) W L Shepherd
Secretary.

Copy to T. & C.
5.2.18.

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL" AND QUOTE—
T. & C. 18/ B'1305

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 18/

PRIME MINISTER 1918/121 14 1971 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.
31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 5 February, 1918.

5-FEB 1918

MEMORANDUM:

It is desired, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram to be despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the following terms :-

"Consignment Harvesters etc has been purchased at "instance Viceroy of India for use Mesopotamia "originally required Basras twentieth March now "doubtful whether required but can be shipped "Melbourne this week to catch "Port Lyttleton" Sydney "stop Please request Ministry Shipping instruct Over-"sea Central Committee Sydney permit shipment for "Bombay ~~of~~ if space applied for by shipper stop Failing "Port Lyttleton" similar instruction desired respect "Port Sydney" stop Prompt action and reply greatly "appreciated as time within which to arrange shipment "extremely limited."

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R. W. Oakley
Acting Comptroller-General.

Cable a copy to Prime

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

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HM. PRIME MINISTER.

18/121/10.

Melbourne, 4th February, 1918.

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

"Your cablegram dated 29th January re cancellation harvesters order stop Position is all machines parts and portable workshop have been specially manufactured are packed and awaiting shipment which was to have been effected fourth instant (stop) Large expenditure has been incurred in overtime and medical examination of and training and selecting operators who have been engaged and agreements signed involving serious dislocation household arrangements some instances (stop) Contractors refuse cancel order and ask reason for suggested action if other than military reasons (stop) Strongly recommend contract be adhered to otherwise situation involved (stop) Meanwhile shipment withheld but could probably be effected middle February (stop) Immediate reply desired".

(Sgd) M. L. Shepherd
Secretary.

Copy to T. & C.
4.2.18.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No.18/

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 18 / B'1305

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

31 SPRING STREET,

Melbourne, 12th February, 1918.

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1918/121/10

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1-FEB 1918

MEMORANDUM:

It is desired, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram to be despatched to the Viceroy of India in the following terms :-

"Referring to your cablegram dated 29th
"January re cancellation harvesters order
"stop Position is all machines parts and
"portable workshop have been specially
"manufactured are packed and awaiting ship-
"ment which was to have been effected fourth
"instant stop Large expenditure has been
"incurred in overtime and medical examination
"of and training and selecting operators who
"have been engaged and agreements signed
"involving serious dislocation household
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"refuse cancel order and ask reason for
"suggested action if other than military reasons
"stop Strongly recommend contract be adhered to
"otherwise situation involved stop Meanwhile
"shipment withheld but could probably be effect-
"ed middle February stop Immediate reply desired"

R. W. Dawley

Acting Comptroller-General.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

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REFERENCE PAPER No. 18/121/5.

PAPER numbered as above, being communication from Trade & Customs, Melbourne.

dated 25th January, 1918.

~~regarding~~ covering agreement between Hugh Victor McKay and ....

for transmission to Viceroy of India.

Forwarded to O.S. on 26.1.18. Returned by O.S. 1/2/18. (see 18/121/9)

~~[illegible]~~ returned ~~[illegible]~~ to T. & C. for correction.

~~[illegible]~~

5.2.18. (*Date*).

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PRIME MINISTER.

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Melbourne, 1st February, 1918.

MEMORANDUM for

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

Your cablegram dated 23rd January threshing machines not manufactured Australia (stop) Sunshine Harvesters purchased do whole work of harvesting putting cleaned grain into sack was this understood (stop) McKay can supply immediately fifty additional harvesters eight feet cut not engine functioned requiring eight horses each price £157. Also hundred 5 feet harvesters not engine functioned requiring five horses each price £117 (stop) Operators for machines can also be sent (stop) No caterpillar type tractors made Australia but can supply five 25 horsepower tractors weighing 34 hundredweight each specially adapted for working on sandy soil price £500 each (stop) Australian seed drills cultivators disc ploughs mould board ploughs stationary and portable petrol engines from three to ten horsepower can be supplied if required."

(Sgd) Wm A Shepherd
Secretary.

Copy to T & C
1.2.18.

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—
T. & C. 18 / B'1238

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PRIME MINISTER - AUSTRALIA 1918/124/8 No. 18/ 11689

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.
31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 31st January, 1918.

1-FEB 1918

MEMORANDUM:

It is desired, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram to be despatched to the Viceroy of India in the following terms :-

"Referring to your cablegram dated 23rd
"January Threshing machines not manufactured
"Australia stop Sunshine Harvesters purchased
"do whole work of harvesting putting cleaned
"grain into sack was this understood stop
"McKay can supply immediately fifty additional
"Harvesters eight feet cut not engine functioned
"requiring eight horses each price £157. Also
"hundred 5 feet Harvesters not engine functioned
"requiring five horses each price £117 stop
"Operators for machines can also be sent stop No
"Caterpillar type tractors made Australia but can
"supply five 25 horsepower tractors weighing 34
hundredweight each specially adapted for working
on sandy soil price £500 each stop Australian
"Seed drills Cultivators Disc ploughs mould board
"ploughs stationary and portable petrol engines
"from three to ten horsepower can be supplied if
"required."

R W Dadley
Acting Comptroller-General.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

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PRIME MINISTER 1918/1216 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MELBOURNE.

30th January, 1918

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, 6 copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India

dated Delhi, 29th January,1918,3.5p.m.

relating to cancelling of order for"Sunshine" harvesters and workshops.

By direction,

Copy sent to Customs for attn.
31.1.18.

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

E18 1227 My telegram dated November 20th 17264 Meso-
-potamia now asks that order for Sunshine Harvesters and
workshop may be cancelled can you arrange for this if not
already despatched.

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TEL. Nos 3416 AND 3417.

CODE ADDRESS "SHIPBOARD"
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS MELBOURNE

CODES USED
BENTLEY'S
SCOTT'S 10TH EDITION.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Commonwealth Shipping Board

(Attached to the Prime Minister's Department).

LIVERPOOL BUILDINGS,
153 WILLIAM STREET,

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
C.S.B. No. 4499.

VERY URGENT

Melbourne, 31st January, 1918.

PRIME MINISTER - COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
1918/121/7
P.M. No. 1918/121/4.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

Harvesters for Bombay.

Referring to the attached File in connection with shipment of Harvesters for Bombay brought under notice of the Board by Colonel Oldershaw it was hoped that space could have been found for these by the s.s."Seang Bee" sailing from here on or about 6th proximo. The matter was referred to the allotment Committee and owing to the scarcity of room to meet Colonel Sanders Army requirements the Committee considers that space cannot be allocated unless direct instructions are received to that effect. It is, therefore, suggested that a cable in the following sense should be sent to the Viceroy of India through the usual channels viz,:-

> " Referring to application for space for 25 Harvesters for Bombay en route Mesopotamia there is no space available in steamer leaving 6th February unless portion of space required by Colonel Sanders can be allotted these Machines estimated to occupy 220 cubic tons. Definite advices are desired whether Harvesters must take preference over Indian Army requirements. If it is so desired instructions should be cabled Colonel Sanders to grant permission shipment fullstop. There may be better opportunities ship these ~~fnlix~~ Machines to Madras or Calcutta could arrangements be made forward thence to Bombay en route destination by train fullstop. No provision yet made for carriage passengers but this can probably be arranged via Colombo fullstop. Very prompt reply necessary as time for shipment is limited".

2. The origin of this application is unknown but doubtless the records of your Department will show whether the enquiry came from the Indian or Imperial Authorities.

W. Kelso

Secretary.

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on the matter.

Kindly cause this communication to be treated as very urgent.

R W R Oakley
Acting Comptroller-General.

URGENT

Col. Oldershaw. (For C.S.B.)
24.1.18.

These machines have been purchased by the C'wealth Govt for the Govt of India, and are urgently required. The operators should accompany them if practicable

M L Shepherd
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No.18/

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL" AND QUOTE—
T. & C. 18 / B'857.

TELEPHONES:
CENTRAL 2389. 2390. 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.
31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 23rd January, 1918

PRIME MINISTER 1918/121/4 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

MEMORANDUM:

In connection with the despatch of 25 "Sunshine" Harvesters and 28 men for work in Mesopotamia, a letter was written to the Overseas Central Committee asking that freight space might be made available by a vessel leaving in February for Bombay. A reply was received to the effect that as the goods would be shipped at Melbourne the matter had been referred to the local Committee.

A second letter was written to the Secretary to the local Committee and copy of the reply received is attached for information.

As the reply is somewhat indefinite it is desired, by direction, that if possible specific instructions be issued to the Overseas Central Committee that space amounting to approximately 85 tons weight (220 tons measurement) be made available by a vessel leaving about the middle of February.

It is understood that a steamer conveying horses and frozen meat will sail from Sydney for Bombay direct about the desired date, and as the men and machines must arrive at Basras by the 20th March it is thought that all the former must sail by the same vessel by which the machines are despatched.

The question of providing passenger accommodation is of course one which does not concern the Overseas Central Committee, but the agents of the vessel will be approached

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The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

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Melbourne Branch of the Overseas Committee,
128 William Street,
Melbourne, 17th January, 1918.

The Acting Comptroller-General,
Department of Trade & Customs,
Melbourne.

S i r /

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, No.T&C.18/B'432, regarding space for Harvesters etc. to India, and in reply would advise you that there is no steamer available at present definitely fixed for Bombay. There is a possibility that a vessel conveying horses may be despatched during February/March, but the space available for cargo will be extremely limited, and is allotted for Government Stores, on account of Colonel Sanders.

I have the honor to be,
S i r ,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd) P. Alderton,
Honorary Secretary.

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PRIME MINISTER — COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA 1918/121/3.

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

18th January, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India,

dated Delhi, 17th January, 1918, 6.15 p.m.,

relating to mules and horses for harvesters.

By direction,

George Steward

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

703 Would be glad to receive very early reply my telegram dated January 7th.

Reply sent
See minute on O.S. 18/1
Dup. sent to Sec'y P.M.'s Dept. 22/1/18

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PRIME MINISTER.

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18/121/2

Melbourne, 15th January, 1918.

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

"Referring to your cablegram 29th December harvesters, military shackles will be attached swingletrees so that ordinary military harness can be used. Request regarding operators and mechanics accompanying machines will be complied with but owing infrequency steam communication possibly all men may travel by same vessel."

Secretary.

Copy sent to Customs.
15.1.18.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 18 / B'423.

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

31 SPRING STREET,

MELBOURNE, 14th January, 1918.

MEMORANDUM:

It is desired, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram to be despatched to the Viceroy, India, in the following terms:-

"Referring to your cablegram 29th December harvesters "stop Military shackles will be attached swingletrees "so that ordinary military harness can be used stop "Request regarding operators and mechanics accompany-"ing machines will be complied with but owing in-"frequency steam communication possibly all men "may travel by same vessel".

Acting Comptroller-General.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

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PRIME MINISTER.

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Melbourne, 10th January, 1918.

Memorandum for -

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

"Referring to your cablegram dated 7th January Proprietor Sunshine Harvesters recommends four mules or four light horses for each machine. Three draught horses are sufficient on ordinary ground. here."

S e c r e t a r y.

Copy sent to Customs in connection with
their memo. of 10th inst.
10.1.18.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No.18/

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL," AND QUOTE—

T. & C. 18 / B'331

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS,

31 SPRING STREET,

Melbourne, 18th January, 1918.

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MEMORANDUM:

It is desired, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram to be despatched to the Viceroy of India in the following terms :-

"Referring to your cablegram dated 7th "January Proprietor Sunshine Harvesters "recommends four mules or four light "horses for each machine stop Three draught "horses are sufficient on ordinary ground "here."

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R W R Dadley

Acting Comptroller-General.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

PRIME MINISTER — COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA 1918/121 8-JAN. 1918

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MELBOURNE.

8th January, 1918.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, 6 copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India

dated DELHI, 7th January, 1918, 6.35p.m.

relating to mules and horses required for reaping machines for Mesopotamia.

By direction,

George Steward

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

Copy to -
T. & C.
9.1.18.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

263 My telegram dated December 29th 19202 please telegraph urgently size and number of mules or horses required for each machine.

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Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

31st December, 1917.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, six copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India dated Delhi 29th December, 1917, 6-45 pm. relating to harvesters etc. for Mesopotamia.

By direction,

George Howard

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

19202 Your telegram dated 15th December please send two mechanics as recommended by you also harness required with each vehicle unless ordinary military harness could be easily adopted men will be under mili--tary authorities harvest begins 15th April two operators and two mechanics should accompany machines and if poss--ible superintend packing and carefully check consignment at any transhipment en route to ensure safe arrival Mesopotamia balance operators to arrive at Basras not later than 20th March anticipated that personnel required until end wheat harvest viz end of July lorries not re--quired.

Copy to Customs 8/1/18

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PRIME MINISTER.

GB.

P.M. 17/4319/19. MELBOURNE, 14th December, 1917.

Memorandum for -

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the GovernoreGeneral to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms :-

"Your cablegram 20th November purchased 25 latest type Sunshine Harvesters 8 feet comb 7 horse power double cylinder engines which drive mechanism of machine while horses or mules merely draw machines through crop price complete £286.19.0 each stop Special operators' available salary average £20 each per month commence week prior embarkation and continue until week after return Australia plus saloon fares to and from Mesopotamia also board lodging during stay that country stop Price workshop being covered lorry equipped £155 spare parts £400 tools for operators £50 stop Recommend 2 mechanics accompany repair outfit salary £25 per month and other conditions same as machine operators stop Suggested army wagons be utilized as store lorries but could supply from here at £45 each expect despatch February stop Following information desired one when will harvest begin two will men be under civil or military authority three should men go by same vessel as machines or by later vessel to avoid possible enforced idleness on landing awaiting despatch machines to destination four if lorries still desired how many required stop Earliest possible reply desired".

Prices f.o.b. Melbourne.

(SGD.) M. L. SHEPHERD

Secretary.

Copy to J & C. in corr. with memo No. 1894 14/12/17

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO "THE COMPTROLLER-GENERAL" AND QUOTE—

T. & C. B'17/13694

TELEPHONES: CENTRAL 2389, 2390, 2391.

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

31 SPRING STREET.

Melbourne, 11 December, 1917.

PRIME MINISTER 1917/4319/19 COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

MEMORANDUM.

It is requested, by direction, that the Prime Minister be moved to cause a cablegram in the following terms to be despatched to the Viceroy of India :-

"Your cablegram 20th November purchased 25 latest type Sunshine Harvesters 8 feet comb 7 horse power double cylinder engines which drive mechanism of machine while horses or mules merely draw machines through crop price complete £286.19.0 each stop Special operators' available salary average £20 each per month commence week prior embarkation and continue until week after return Australia plus saloon fares to and from Mesopotamia also board lodging during stay that country stop Price workshop being covered lorry equipped £155 spare parts £400 tools for operators £50 stop Recommend 2 mechanics accompany repair outfit salary £25 per month and other conditions same as machine operators stop Suggested army wagons be utilized as store lorries but could supply from here at £45 each expect despatch February stop Following information desired one when will harvest begin two will men be under civil or military authority three should men go by same vessel as machines or by later vessel to avoid possible enforced idleness on landing awaiting despatch machines to destination four if lorries still desired how many required stop Earliest possible reply desired". Prices f.o.b. Melbourne.

R W H Oakley

Acting Comptroller General.

The Secretary,

Prime Minister's Department.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to
The Official Secretary
to the
Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MELBOURNE.

3rd December, 1917.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, 6 copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India

dated Delhi, 1st December, 1917, 6p.m.

relating to Sunshine Harvester Machines for Mesopotamia.

By direction,

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

Copy sent to Customs.
4/12/17.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

E135 17842 My 17264 November 20th please mark all cases containing Sunshine Harvester Machines A D Scheme and consign to Civil Commissioner Baghdad care of Em--barkation Commandant Bombay.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

Tel. No. Cent. 3064.

Please address reply to The Official Secretary to the Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
MELBOURNE.

21st November, 1917.

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MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, 6 copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India

dated Delhi, 20th November, 1917, 6.50p.m.

relating to Sunshine Harvester Machines for Mesopotamia.

Copy to Customs.
22/11/17.

By direction,

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

N105 17264 Your telegram dated November 5th please purchase and ship at the earliest possible date for use in Mesopotamia 25 Sunshine Harvester Machines each machine to be accompanied by special operator please telegraph date of shipment and terms on which operators engaged please also arrange to supply light mobile workshop fully equipped store lorries skilled repair staff and ample stock spare parts.

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PRIME MINISTER.

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17/4319/8. MELBOURNE, 3rd November, 1917.

Memorandum for -

The Official Secretary
to the Governor-General.

I am directed to request you to invite His Excellency the Governor-General to be so good as to despatch a cablegram to the VICEROY OF INDIA in the following terms:-

"Your cablegram 22nd October enquiry of Sunshine Harvester Company elicits they are building mobile oil-driven reaping and threshing machines suitable only for flat country. Machine requires one special operator who attends single-handed to the reaping and threshing as well as driving engine. This firm is in a position to supply 50 machines immediately and possibly as many more before the coming harvest in Australia - price approximately £285 each. Machines, which weigh 2 tons, are capa-ble of treating 2 acres per hour, assuming crop to be 60 bushels to the acre, i.e., 120 bushels per hour.

International Harvester Company do not stock oil-driven machines, but are expecting two as samples within the next few weeks. They suggest reference to their head office, International Harvester Corporation, Chicago, U.S.A., who they state are making oil-driven reapers and threshers.

Massey-Harris Company do not deal in oil-driven reapers and threshers.

(SGD.) M. L. SHEPHERD

Secretary.

Copy to Customs in connection with their
memo. of 29/10/17.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND CUSTOMS.

WRITER: Prime Minister's Department.

SUBJECT: Cablegram from Viceroy of India re Reaping and Threshing Machines.

Mr. Berry,

H.V. McKay's manager informs me they are building mobile oil-driven reaping and threshing machines suitable only for flat country.

The machine requires one special operator who attends single-handed to the reaping and threshing as well as the driving of the engine.

His firm is in a position to supply 50 machines immediately, and, possibly, as many more before the coming harvest, i.e., in Australia, the price is approximately £285 each.

The machines which weigh 2 tons are capable of treating 2 acres per hour, assuming the crop to be 60 bushels to the acre i.e., 120 bushels per hour.

The International Harvester Co. do not stock oil-driven machines, but are expecting two as samples within the next few weeks. They suggest reference to their head office, the International Harvester Corporation, Chicago, U.S.A., who they state are making oil-driven reapers and threshers. They know of no one in Australia making these machines, except, of course H.V. McKay.

The Massey-Harris Company do not deal in oil-driven reapers and threshers, nor could they give me particulars of any local manufacturers other than H.V. McKay.

(Sgd.) T.C. RIDGEWAY.

29/10/17.

The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Department.

The desired information is supplied in the above report.

(Sgd.) R.W.R. OAKLEY.
A.C.G. 30/10/17.

Orig. returned to T.&.C.
3/11/17.

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Please address reply to
The Official Secretary
to the
Governor-General.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE.

23rd October, 1917.

MEMORANDUM.

Transmitting herewith, for the information of the Prime Minister, 6 copies of a telegram received from the Viceroy of India

dated Simla, 22nd October, 1917, 4.10p.m.

~~relating~~ to information required re reaping and thrashing machines.

By direction,

George Steward

Official Secretary to Governor-General.

Copy to Customs for advice 26.10.17

THE SECRETARY,
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

72 15908 General Officer Commanding Mesopotamia asks for information regarding type of oil driven reaping and threshing machines most suitable for flat country also whether special personnel required to work them and how many per machine. Machines must be mobile. Please telegraph any available information regarding machines used in Australia giving price of machines whether available in numbers and capacity on basis of tonnage and acreage respectively.

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